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Lynchburg Mets To Open Season April 15

Spring training for the Lynchburg Mets has officially opened in St. Petersburg, Florida and Mets Manager, Jack "The Chief" Aker is optimistic when he talks about the chances of bringing a champion to Lynchburg. "Last season we didn't know what to expect in regards to the Carolina League competition but we found out in a hurry and New York has assured me we'll be beefed up from the start of our 1977 season," states Aker. I like the looks of several players off Wausaw's club last season (ed. note, Wausaw is the Mets lower Class A club in the Midwest League.) But Cipot should start for us at first base. Last season Cipot hit .294 at Wausaw with 15 home-runs and 77 RBI's. Keith Bodie is set to start for us at third. Bodie hit .259 at Wausaw with 8 home-runs and 43 RBI's. He's a solid gloveman and showed a lot of improvement in hitting during the Mets Instructional League this past fall." Since the Lynchburg Club was so young last season, many of the same faces will be back with the Hill City when the Carolina League team opens its season on April 15th at City Stadium. Those familiar names are Robert Bryant - center field, Steve Yost, left field, Paco Perez, shortstop, Steve Kesses - right field, and Brian Jones - 2nd base.

Bob Bloomer, Lynchburg's General Manager, feels that 1977 will be a great one for the local club. Pre-season ticket sales have far surpassed any other year by a wide margin and the Mets have added some special attractions for the upcoming season. In addition to the old standby promotions such as helmet night and fireworks, the Mets have added Batting glove Night, T-Shirt Night, Poncho Night, and Pennant Night. "Our aim this season is to bring our entertainment to the towns in the Lynchburg area such as Amherst, Brookneal, Appomattox, Bedford, and Altavista. We feel we have a good entertainment buy and want to share it with all our fans in these areas." In order to make it easier for our out of town fans to get tickets, Fidelity American Banks in the above town will have tickets for all Mets games available throughout the 1977 season. Right now we're having a bonus book ticket sale which will last until Opening Day, April 15th. Adult bonus books are on sale for $10.00 (10 admissions) and Student-Senior Citizens Bonus Books are selling for $5.00 (10 admissions) This price is half the price of our regular box office prices. Tickets may also be obtained by sending your check or money order to the Mets, P. O. Box 1001, Lynchburg, Va. 24505.

Last season the Mets drew 46,834 to City Stadium and Bloomer feels that this season should top that mark. "If the Mets are competitive, and I know we will be, we could possibly set a new attendance record for Lynchburg's professional baseball." After experiencing such a cold winter, many of the area's baseball fans will want to come out to the park and enjoy a warm evening of professional baseball entertainment. Our goal this season is to make each and every fan's trip to City Stadium a memorable one and we encourage civic, church or fraternal groups to plan a trip to the ball game this season. We had a lot of fun at City Stadium last season but this year should be a great one for us. Bob Bloomer's caught "Met Fever" and he hopes you'll be infected this season if you haven't caught it already. As an added note, all the Mets games, home and on the road, will be carried Live on WWOD FM 100.1. This will be the first time in 17 years that an area's professional baseball club has aired all of their games. Frank Cappiello, last season's General Manager will be doing the play-by-play, ably assisted by Tom Cochran.

LYNCHBURG METS 1977 HOME SCHEDULE

HOME DATES	
April 15, 16, 17*	Winston-Salem
April 25,26,27	Salem
May 2,3,4,5	Peninsula
May 6,7,8**	Salem
May 13,14,15**	Peninsula
May 16,17,18,19	Winston-Salem
May 27,28,29*	Salem
May 31	Winston-Salem
June 1,2,3	Winston-Salem
June 6,7	Peninsula
June 12**,13	Peninsula
June 16,17	Salem
June 24,25,26*	Peninsula
June 27,28,29,30	Winston-Salem
July 3*	Salem
July 7,8	Salem
July 15,16,17*,18	Peninsula
July 20,21,22,23	Winston-Salem
July 31*	Salem
August 1,2,3	Salem
August 5,6,7*	Peninsula
August 14	Salem
August 15, 16, 17,18	Win.-Salem
August 23, 24	Salem
August 27, 28	Peninsula
August 31, Sept. 1	Salem

* Denotes Sunday games
Games Times- Weekdays and Saturday night - 7:30 P.M.
Sundays - 7:00 P.M. unless noted**

VA Question And Answers

EDIOTR'S NOTE: Following are representative questions answered daily by VA counselors. Full information is available to any VA office.

Q - I am a veteran receiving a VA pension. I am also attending school under the GI Bill. Do I report to VA educational assistance officer on my annual income questionnaire?

A - Yes. VA educational assistance is considered income for this benefit. You may deduct tuition, fees and related educational expenses from the amount of educational assistance received.

Q - What is the amount payable for the annual clothing allowance for a disabled veteran?

A - Recently enacted legislation increased the clothing allowance to $190.

Q - How much of my educational entitlement will I use if I enroll in a correspondence course?

A - Entitlement is reduced by one month for each $292 allowance paid. For further clarification, contact your nearest VA office.

Q - Is it true that veterans who served after World War II and before the Korean Conflict are now eligible for home loan benefits?

A - Effective Oct. 1, 1976, those with active duty after July 25, 1947, and prior to June 27, 1950, who served more than 180 days under conditions other than dishonorable or discharged with less service for a service - connected disability, became eligible for home loan benefits.

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The Pastor Speaks

YOUR LIFE SPEAKS

The life we lead is an advertisement of what we are. It shows others whether we care - care for ourselves only, or for God and for others. Thomas Carlyle wrote, "The works of an unknown good man is like a vein of water flowing hidden underground, secretly making the ground greener." Yes, we can be a secret spring of water to a degree but the life we lead will leave a mark that others will see. Will the mark glorify a gracious and loving God or will it be a "scar" that will remind all of what we fail to do to the glory of God? Paul writing to the Corinthians sums up life this way.

"Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatever ye do, do all to the glory of God." I Cor.10:31

Rev. Cecil Dalton
Appomattox Court House
Presbyterian Church
Appomattox, Va. 24522

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lessons

BY LAWRENCE W. ALTHOUSE

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Lesson for March 27, 1977

Background Scripture: Mark 12:41-44; Luke 18:10 through 17:10
Devotional Reading: Luke 12:42-48

Rev. Althouse

If I were to ask you to name the greatest act of charity or benevolence of all time, what would be your answer?

Answers might range from the Rockefeller Foundation to the Marshall Plan, but no matter how impressive your answer might be, there would still be another act of giving that would outshine all the rest — and this act of giving could be represented by two copper coins, roughly worth about one cent today.

Her whole living

I am referring, of course, to the incident in Mark 12 where Jesus, sitting opposite the temple treasury, sees the poor widow put in her last two copper coins. For Jesus it was an inspiring sight and he called his disciples to share it: "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living." (Mark 12: 43 44).

Jesus never measured money in terms of market value. Instead, he measured it in terms of what it cost the giver. For the affluent people who put substantial contributions into the offering, the giving did not cost that much when seen in the light of the abundance of their worldly goods. For the widow, however, the two copper coins added up to a complete sacrifice, for that was all she had.

Giving is a matter of relativity. Last weekend, for example, I put a ten-dollar bill in the offering plate at church and it seemed a magnificent sum, especially beside all those one-dollar bills! That same afternoon, however, I attended a professional football game and the admission charge for ten-dollars never gave me second thoughts. A ten-dollar bill in an offering plate seems very heavy, but that same bill on a ticket counter seems quite insignificant.

They were lovers of money

It is the value that we ascribe to money that determines its worth. By itself it is neither good nor bad:

Money! Money!
Dug from the mountainside,
washed in the glen,
Servant am I, or the master of men;
Steal me, I curse you
Earn me, I bless you.
Grasp me and hoard me,
a fiend shall possess you;
Lie for me, die for me, covet me,
take me,
Angel or devil, I am what you make me.

(Anonymous)

No, it is never money that is evil, but what men and women do with their money and what they let it do to them.

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ASCS Today

By Tom Conrad

1977 Wheat and Feed Grain Programs - The wheat and feed grain programs are designed to provide some income protection for farmers with allotments by making disaster payments when wheat or feed grains suffer a natural disaster and by making deficiency payments when market prices average less nationally than the target price. These programs, administered by the ASCS, place no limit on production and farmers need not withhold any land from production as a condition for eligibility.

Participation in these programs is voluntary and open to all farmers who have a wheat or feed grain allotment. Farmers who do not have allotments are eligible only for loans.

The wheat allotment for 1977 is 62.2 million acres; the feed grain allotment is 89.0 million acres. Acreage allotments do not represent a limit on the number of acres of a crop that may be planted, but are used to compute payments under disaster or target price provisions.

PER-BUSHEL RATES

	Disaster Payment
Wheat	$ .82
Corn	.57
Grain Sorghum	.54
Barley	.46
Oats	N/A
Rye	N/A

Target Price	Loan
$2.47	$2.25
1.70	1.50
1.62	1.43
1.39	1.22
N/A	.72
N/A	1.20

A producer may be eligible for a disaster payment if a disaster prevents planting an acreage of wheat or feed grains at least equal to the sum of the wheat or feed grain allotments for the farm.

Payment will be computed by multiplying the established farm yield by the acreage approved for payment and then multiplying this figure by the disaster payment rate.

A producer may be eligible for a disaster payment if the production from ALL acreage on the farm planted to wheat or feed grain is reduced due to a natural disaster. To be eligible, production must be below the farm acreage allotment (adjusted for substitution or underplanting) times two-thirds of the farm's established yield (adjusted to reflect actual historical yields for the county).

Payment will be computed by multiplying the established farm yield by the farm allotment (adjusted as necessary) and subtracting total production for the farm. The resulting figure is then multiplied by the disaster payment rate.

Producers who overplant their allotment must realize that this can affect eligibility for and the amount of payment. For example, a producer who plants twice the farm's allotment may have the per-acre yield cut in half by a disaster and still be ineligible for payment because the total actual farm production equals the allotment times the established yield.

For both types of disaster payments, an on-site farm inspection is necessary. Producers who feel that they may be eligible for payment should not destroy evidence of the affected crop prior to contacting the county ASCS office for an inspection.

An accurate record of acreage and production for the farm is required. If production from more than one farm must be mixed, find out in advance what sort of production records the county ASC committee will accept for each farm.

If the national -weighted average market price (the price received by all farmers) for the first five months of the marketing year is below the target price, farmers with an allotment for that commodity who participate in the program will receive a deficiency payment. The first five months of the marketing year for wheat and barley is June through October. For corn and grain sorghum, it is October through February.

The per-bushel payment rate will equal the target price minus the larger of (1) the national loan rate of (2) the national weighed market priced. To compute the actual payment, multiply the per-bushel rate by the farm's allotment and then multiply the resulting figure by the farm's established yield. (The bushels for payment will be reduced by the number of bushels on which a disaster payment is made.)

4-H REPORT

We said the pledge. Dennis Guill and Mike Trent lead us in it. Then Dwyne Taylor and Lori Smith led us in the game called 4-corners. Then we talked about pine seeding orders and we talked about our fishing project. Then we talked about wildlife feed patches. Then Rodney turned the program over to Mr. Sweet. We talked about demonstration. Sheila Roach told us how to make a milk shake and then Charles Wentch gave us a demonstration on how to change spark plugs. Mr. Sweet gave us a demonstration on how to identify snakes. And then we closed the 4-H meeting.

Cheryl McCormick, Reporter
Karen Carter, Secretary

1977 Golden Eagle And Golden Age Passports Available

Appomattox Court House National Historical Park will begin collecting the vehicle entry fee of $1.00 per car beginning April 1 through October 31, 1977.

The 1977 Golden Eagle Passport and lifetime Golden Age Passport, which waive entrance fees to National Parks, are now available at all National Parks where entrance fees are charged.

The Golden Eagle Passport admits the permit holder and a carload of accompanying people to all national parks, monuments, and recreation areas which charge entrance fees. The Golden Eagle Passport covers entrance fees only; it does not cover use fees, such as fees for camping or boat rental.

Those who plan several visits to Park System areas that charge entrance fees may save by buying the Golden Eagle Passport for $10 rather than paying individual fees which range from 50 cents per person to $3 per car at each area. To save time, visitors can acquire the Passports at the first national park they visit rather than purchasing them before beginning a trip. The Golden Eagle Passport is good for one calendar year only.

Citizens or permanent residents of the United States who are 62 years or older may acquire the free, lifetime Golden Age Passport. The Golden Age Passport not only waives entrance fees at all National Parks, but provides a 50 percent discount on Federal "use" fees charged for facilities and services such as camping, boat launching, parking, etc. The Golden Age Passport does not cover fees charged by private concessioners, however.

The Golden Age Passport admits the permit holder and a carload of accompanying people. Where entry is not by private car, the passport admits the permit holder and his or her spouse and children.

The Golden Age Passport must be obtained in person. It can be procured at the visitor center of Appomattox Court House National Historical Park. Each applicant must show proof of age. A birth certificate, or State driver's license is suitable as long as it shows the birthdate. Medicare cards are not acceptable because they are sometimes issued to persons under 62 years of age.

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In Pacific territory the usual method is to extend to a fire insurance policy an earthquake damage endorsement. It is written for the same amount of coverage as the fire insurance policy and for the same property, the total liability of the insurance company for the loss of all hazards being the limit of the fire coverage. A deductible of at least 5% of the value of the property is required.

In states other than Pacific states, the earthquake policy is written separately and also covers volcanic eruption damage. There is no mandatory deductible. There is normally a 50% coinsurance clause (insurance covers half the loss) so the total coverage should be made with this in mind. Also, unlike fire policies, the foundation of the property is covered.

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